

a voluntary health organization. Most of us...well, I guess I must speak for myself. I remember the March of Dimes very vividly as a child when we all contributed to that effort when we were going through the polio epidemic and the March of Dimes was founded in 1938 to raise funds through the efforts of thousands of volunteers to support the development of a vaccine that did finally, virtually, eliminate the crippling human toll of polio. For the past 30 years the March of Dimes has been a pioneer in preventing birth defects, the nation's number one child health program and sponsors research, education and health care programs. The March of Dimes also is involved in improving maternal and child health care and has initiated programs which has indeed reduced the incidence of birth defects, the low birth weight and infant mortality that we are concerned about in this Legislature. I urge the adoption of this resolution congratulating the March of Dimes for their efforts during the last 50 years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 296.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Move on to LR 297.

CLERK: Mr. President, 297 is a resolution offered by Senator Chizek and a number of the members. It is found on page 1064 of the Journal. (Read explanation of the resolution.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, LR 297 is a straightforward resolution, designed to encourage the employment of Nebraska businesses and Nebraska labor in projects of business investment or expansion claimed as a basis for reduction of Nebraska taxes under LB 775 of last year. Now I think it is fair to say that all of us in this Chamber have taken at least a passing interest in the results to date from LB 775, interest in the 125 or so companies that have submitted applications under the bill and the impact on state revenues. What LR 297 does is to remind those people and other businesses, in fact, all of Nebraska of the reasons why there can even be such applications. Section 2 of that bill says in part and I